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To the Worthy Independent Burgesſes of Newcastle upon Tyne.

GENTLEMEN,

WHEN I preſumed humbly to offer myſelf a Candidate for your favour, on the preſent vacancy, I did it with the pureſt and moſt diſintereſted intentions: My own perſonal intereſt was a ſecondary conſideration. My friends will do me the juſtice to ſay, that I have uniformly expreſſed my readineſs to unite with any other Gentleman of independent principles, whom you might think proper to prefer; for I have always decidedly diſapproved of every combination of wealth and power, to ſuppreſs the free elections of the people.—It cannot be denied, that ſuch a combination exiſts in the preſent inſtance; and that every unworthy method has been taken to prevent you from exerciſing that inestimable privilege.—Your late worthy Member's death was indecently concealed for many hours, and the writ of election was precipitately iſſued, and hurried down by your preſent Representative: no candid man can approve of ſuch proceedings: To your ſpirit and independency I appeal.—Lord Mulgrave and Mr Delaval, two of your worthy candidates at the late election, from ſome late occurrences, have generously declined in my favour; and it is now in your power, by your ſpirited exertions, to enſure ſucceſs, and enable me to aſſiſt re-eſtabliſhing your conſequence, and the real independency of the great commercial town of Newcastle.

I am, Gentlemen,

With the trueſt reſpect, your moſt faithful

And moſt devoted humble ſervant,

Groſvenor-square,
Feb. 19, 1777.

A. ROBINSON BOWES

* * * The POLL begins on Thursday next, when your early appearance on my behalf, is earneſtly requeſted.